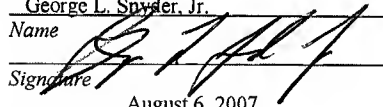


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Honorable Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith, including authorization to charge the fee for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include three replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.